Finance Committee.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ—

Again G. O. No. Fl. 5197-246—G. F. 112-17-5, dated 26th March 1918, constituting a Finance Committee for considering the draft budget prior to its discussion in the Representative Assembly.

2. Also Government Order No. G. 16710-70—R. A. 36-18-1, dated 8th February 1919, prescribing rules for the election of a member from the Representative Assembly to the Finance Committee of 1919.

ORDER NO. G. 23970-24029—R. A. 36-18-14, DATED 19TH APRIL 1919.

The following instructions are issued under paragraph 2 of the order of 26th March 1918 read above for the election of a member of the Representative Assembly every year to serve on the Finance Committee of the State :—

(1) The election of a member of the Assembly to the Finance Committee will be made at the Dasara Session of the Assembly each year on a day to be announced by the President.

(2) Members of the Assembly, who desire to stand for election, will intimate the fact in writing to the Chief Secretary to Government not later than the 10th Suddha of Asvija.

(3) On the day of election a voting paper containing all such names will be given to each member for recording his vote.

(4) Each member will immediately return the voting paper given to him, to the Chief Secretary or other officer deputed by the Chief Secretary to receive and count the votes, scoring out all the names other than that of the one member for whom he votes.

(5) The Officer referred to above will, when the voting papers have been returned by the members with their votes recorded, proceed to ascertain the result of the voting. The member in whose favour the largest number of votes are recorded will be considered to have been elected to serve on the Finance Committee and his name will be duly notified in the Gazette along with the names of other non-official members of the Finance Committee.

(6) In the event of two or more members securing the same number of votes which is also the largest, Government may choose one of them by lot and such member will be considered to have been elected by the members of the Assembly to serve on the Committee.

(6) If the member elected dies or otherwise becomes incapable of serving on the Committee before it meets, the member who received the next largest number of votes at the time of the election will be deemed to have been elected to the Committee.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Heads of Departments.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Compiler, *Mysore Gazette.*
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Sandalwood Trees.

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Subject No. 43 of the Representative Assembly of October 1917, regarding the concessions to be shown to encourage the growth of sandalwood and the reply of Government thereto.

(2) The Report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the subject,

(3) Letter No. C. 3468, dated 4th April 1918, from the Revenue Commissioner furnishing his opinion with regard to the Committee's recommendations.
(4) Letter No. 4284, dated 1st October 1918, from the Conservator of Forests, submitting his views with regard to the same subject.

Order No. R. 8145-54—Ft. 176-17-9, dated 4th January 1919.

The recommendations of the Committee are as follows:—

(1) Waste lands should be given out on shraya tenure.
(2) Inamdars should be encouraged to plant sandal trees on their waste lands.
(3) Landholders should be encouraged to dibble sandal seeds on all vacant lands round their holdings.
(4) Areas selected for plantations should be half a mile distant from villages.
(5) The sale proceeds of mature trees should be divided equally between Government and the planters.
(6) The choppings from the trees should be given to the owners of the lands who pay assessment.

2. The Revenue Commissioner states that the proposal to grant waste lands on shraya tenure for sandalwood plantation may be given a trial wherever such lands are not reserved or required for other purposes, that the third proposal does not commend itself to him and that the other proposals are matters for the orders of Government.

3. The Conservator of Forests is of opinion that the rules contained in the marginally noted Government Orders provide for efficient preservative measures as regards the *existing growth* both on occupied lands as well as on lands that may hereafter be granted for occupation, besides affording sufficient incentive for the occupants to carefully protect the growth and that no further concession is called for, specially as the occupants have neither undergone any trouble nor have been put to any expense on this account. As regards new plantations however that may hereafter be raised the Conservator of Forests recommends that in return for the expense, care and labour involved for a number of years in their rearing, the planters may be shown the concession of sharing the net proceeds equally with Government in the maidan parts and to the extent of 25 per cent in the sandal tracts of the malnad.

Notification No. R. 7710—L. R. 319-08-1, dated 25th March 1909.
Notification No. R. 10916-25—Ft. 163-09-16, dated 25th March 1909.
Notification No. 7709—Ft. 13-05-18, dated 25th March 1909.
Notification No. 7191-201—Ft. 191-13-2, dated 19th February 1915.

4. Government are now pleased to direct that waste lands may be given out on shraya tenure for sandalwood cultivation wherever such lands are not reserved or required for other purposes. The exact terms on which the lands may be given out should be decided with reference to the merits of each individual case.

5. Raiyats raising plantations under this order will be entitled to 50 per cent of the net value of mature trees removed from such plantations in the maidan taluks and 25 per cent in the malnad taluks. This rule will apply also to Inamdars who are not at present entitled to the sandal trees on their lands.

6. Government consider that no action is necessary on the other recommendations of the Special Committee.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

To—The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Railway Cess.

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READ—

Letter No. 163, dated 31st January 1919, from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Settlements in Mysore, enquiring whether the Railway Cess now being levied in some of the districts is to be taken into consideration in calculating the potgi of the village officers as such cess which is based on the gross revenue collections of the village seems to be one of a permanent character for the purpose of potgi settlement and as the village officers do not appear to be separately remunerated for collecting this cess.